

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND ITS
MANUFACTURING METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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August 21, 2003

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application
as follows.